

DECLARATION UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: _____

Cation-modified purified galactomannan polysaccharide and cosmetic composition containing the substance
described and claimed in international application number PCT/JP2005/000995 filed January 26, 2005.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-024894 filed on January 30, 2004

The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to my international application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s):

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The undersigned has reviewed the chain of title and confirms that the aforesaid title is
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(2) Yoshihiko MORI (5) _____

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In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned, each undersigned agrees to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

(7) Insert Name of Assignee (7) TOHO CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CO., LTD.

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(9) Insert Identification such as Title, Case Number, or Foreign Application Number (9) Cation-modified purified galactomannan polysaccharide and cosmetic composition containing the substance

(Attorney Docket No. 128866)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America on even date herewith or

(10) Insert Date of Signing of Application (10) on August 11, 2006

(11) Alternative Identification for filed applications (11) U.S. application Serial Number 10/587,526

filed _____

1) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications for the invention, and any patent(s) issuing thereon, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications and patents as the Assignee may deem necessary.

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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned name(s).

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